



INSTRUCTION MANUAL

CXRecorder

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1 Preamble

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2 Installing CXRecorder

2.1 Installing the Software

Please verify that your PC meets the following minimum system requirements:
Operating System: Windows XP SP2, Vista, Windows 7

CPU:	Pentium 4, 1.4 GHz
System Memory (RAM):	1GB
Hard Disk:	2 GB free space (for data files)
Display:	1024 x 768, 32-bit "True Color"

Microsoft .NET Frameworks: 2.0 Service Pack 2 or newer and 3.5 SP1 or newer

This software is based upon Microsoft's .NET Framework. The user can download this environment from Microsoft using the Windows update utility. Depending on the update settings the "Custom" update option may need to be selected. The .NET Framework 3.5 SP1 is considered an optional component and is listed in the Software category.

You must install the .NET Framework 2.0 SP2 and 3.5 SP1 before you install this application.

CXRecorder is contained in a compressed folder located in the Applications folder on the Roctest CD. Double-click the icon for the compressed folder. A window should open to show the contents of the compressed folder. Drag the folder inside the window to a location on your desktop. CXRecorder is now located inside this folder on your desktop and is ready to be launched.

To execute the program, double-click the CXRecorder.exe file.

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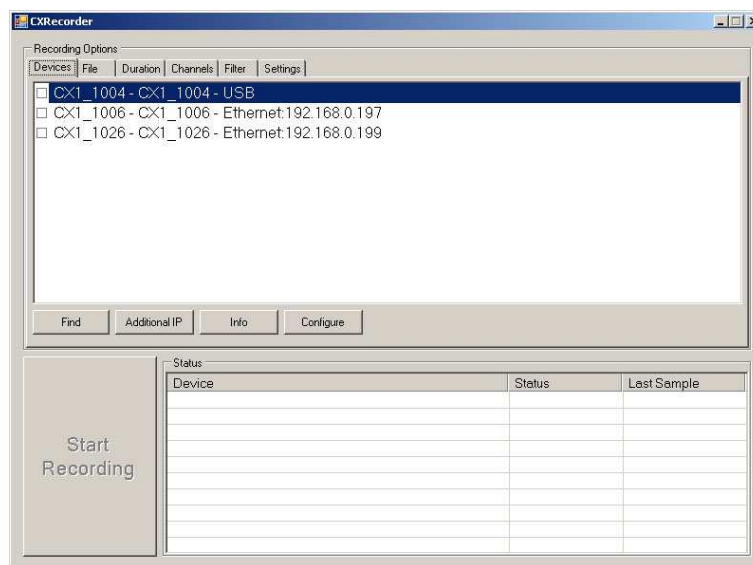
3 CXRecorder

3.1 CXRecorder Description

CXRecorder is general-purpose program designed to provide the user a tool for collecting data from 1 or more AcTiMons. CXRecorder is the preferred program for recording data over extended periods. CXRecorder enables the user to: configure instruments, define recording sessions and save data.

3.2 CXRecorder Device Tab

Before launching the CXRecorder, connect your Roctest devices to your computer or network. To launch the CXRecorder, double-click the CXRecorder icon. After a brief device search, the CXRecorder Device tab screen will appear.



CXRecorder Device Tab

From the CXRecorder Devices tab screen, the user can:

- Select a device
- Find a device
- Scan additional IP addresses
- Review device information
- Configure device communications
- Start recording

3.2.1 Selecting a Device

To select a device, move your mouse cursor to the name of the device and highlight the device in blue. The user must select a device before attempting to configure a device or change settings.

If no devices are listed, press the Find button (see section 3.2.2).

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3.2.2 Find a Device

To search for connected Roctest devices, left-click the find button and wait for the program to scan your computer and network. Once a device has been found, it will appear on the list. Scanning for devices should only take a few seconds. The find device functions works for Roctest devices that are connected to the host computer via USB and Roctest devices that are connected to the host's Ethernet network. In the event that a networked connected device is not found, connect the instrument to the local computer via USB and verify the devices IP settings are set correctly using this program (see section 3.2.5 Configure Device Communications).

3.2.3 Specify Specific IP Addresses

The Find a Device function scans the local computer and network environment for connected Roctest devices. In the event that the device you want to connect to resides on another subnet, you can specify specific addresses for the Find Device command.

3.2.4 Review Device Information

Once a device had been found, the user can select the device then click the Info button to review device specific information.

3.2.5 Configure Device Communications

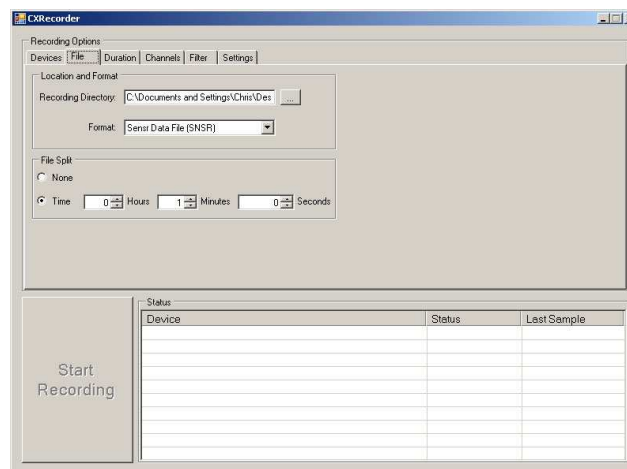
When configuring new devices for network operation, it is best to connect the device via USB to the local computer. Once the device has been found, the user can configure the network communication options. For Network communications, the user can choose to use DHCP or specify specific: IP, Net mask and Gateway addresses.

3.2.6 Start Recording

Once the devices have been configured and the recording session details specified, the user can initialize the recording session by left clicking the check box next to the device(s) to record, and then press the Start Recording button. Once a recording session has begun, this button changes into a Stop recording button. When using the delayed start function, press this button to commit your start schedule.

3.3 CXRecorder File Tab

The CXRecorder file tab configures the parameters associated with saving the data. On this tab, the user can specify the directory to Save into, File formats, and File duration sizes.



CXRecorder File tab

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The CXRecorder uses a structured file naming system for the file name convention.

File names

Example: CX1_1004 - CX1_1004 - ATC - 20100204_173808.snsr

Assigned device name – device_type_device serial number – data channels - YYYYMMDD_TTTTTT. file extension. The default time format is UTC, the file name references the start recording time.

File formats

CXRecorder saves data in two formats:

CSV – this is a generic uncompressed data format that most spreadsheet and analysis programs can import.

SNSR – this is a proprietary compressed format used by programs authored by Roctest.

Roctest devices can be configured to generate large amounts of data and huge data files, to ensure responsive performance by analysis programs we strongly recommend splitting recording sessions into small files. For CSV files destined to be analyzed in Excel, we recommend specifying the CSV file split time to 30 minutes or less. For SNSR files destined to be analyzed with Roctest programs, we require file splits to be set at 5 minutes or less.

3.4 CXRecorder Duration Tab

The CXRecorder Duration tab specifies the recording session timing and duration. All times are referenced to local times based upon the host PCs clock.

The screenshot shows the CXRecorder application window with the 'Duration' tab selected. The 'Recording Options' section includes a 'Start' section with 'Immediately' selected, and a 'Stop' section with 'Continuous' selected. A 'Start Recording' button is located at the bottom left. The 'Status' section at the bottom right contains a table with columns for 'Device', 'Status', and 'Last Sample'.

Device	Status	Last Sample

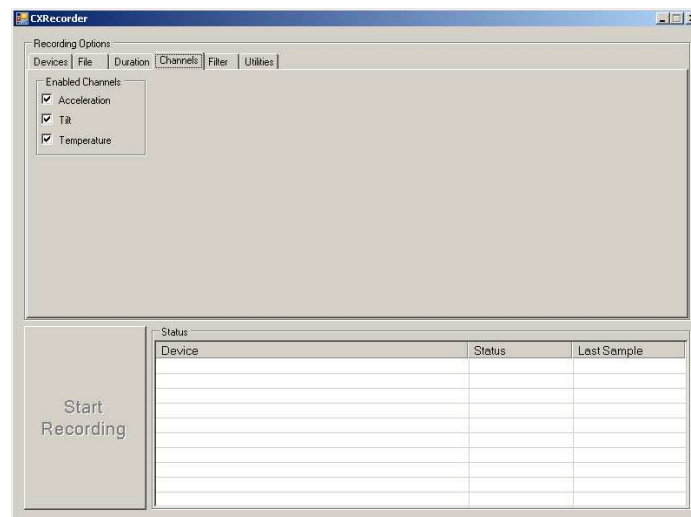
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3.5 CXRecorder Channels tab

The CXRecorder Channels tab specifies the signal channel types that will be recorded.

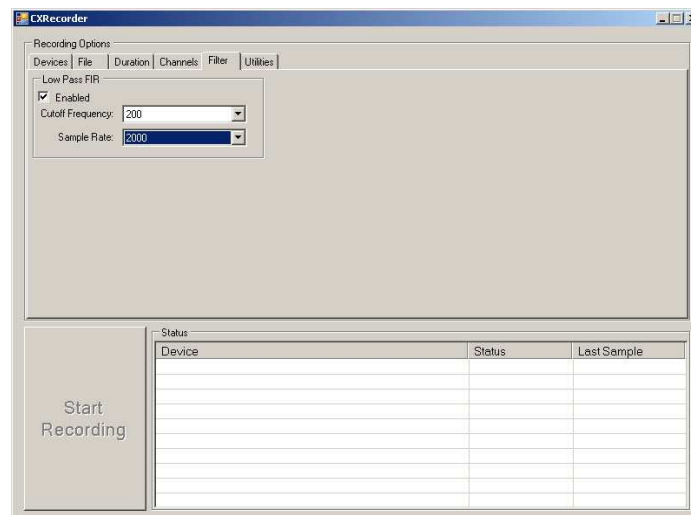
Acceleration: X Y Z acceleration, units are reported in X.XXXXX g
Tilt: X Y tilt, units are reported in XX.XXXX degrees
Temperature: Degrees C



CXRecorder Channels tab

3.6 CXRecorder Filter tab

The Filter tab allows the user to specify a low-pass filter cut off frequency and the sample rate for all of the accelerometers.



CXRecorder Filter tab

The filters are implemented using a digital FIR filter. They were tailored to provide maximum flatness in the pass band while allowing for steep roll off to the stop band. The maximum allowable pass band ripple is 0.01dB. The minimum stop band attenuation is 120dB. The

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allowable samples rates for each cutoff frequency were chosen to provide a minimum of a 4x over sample of that cutoff frequency.

The following table defines the available filters.

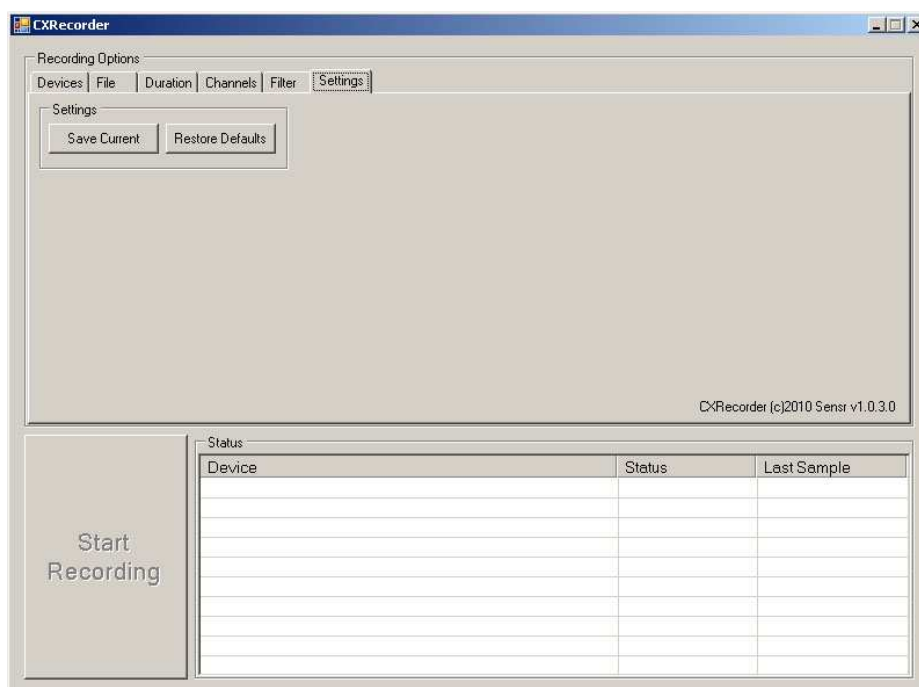
Cutoff Frequency	Stop Band Frequency
200	300
100	200
90	180
80	160
70	140
60	120
50	100
40	80
30	60
20	40
10	20
5	15
2	10
1	5

Cutoff Frequency: The frequency at which the filters response is -0.01dB with respect to its maximum response.

Stop Band Frequency: The frequency at which the filters response is at least -120dB with respect to its maximum response.

3.7 CXRecorder Settings Tab

The Settings tab lets the user save setting profiles for future recording sessions. This option will only save the current recording session settings and does not save device specific information.



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